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MEMORANDUM

TO: Division Engineers, Deputy Division Engineers, Division Operations Engineers, Division Traffic Engineers, Traffic Services Supervisors, Traffic Signal Supervisors, Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch Employees, and Work Zone Traffic Control Unit Employees

FROM: J.K. Lacy, PE, State Traffic Engineer *JKL*

SUBJECT: *Request for Nominations for the Buford Smith Excellence in Traffic Engineering Award*

The Buford Smith Excellence in Traffic Engineering Award was established to recognize traffic engineering and traffic services employees who exemplify excellent leadership qualities and engineering skills that parallel Buford Smith's work ethic and outstanding performance. This award is a tribute to a Department of Transportation employee working in the traffic engineering field whose work performance is exceptional.

A committee, made up of previous recipients of the Buford Smith Award, has been set up to evaluate all nominations. The following qualities should be considered in the nomination of your candidate with excellence in these areas: Leadership, Safety Champion, Innovation, Development of Employees, Technical Knowledge, and Professionalism. Additional information is outlined on the attached Nomination Form and Award Guidelines that can also be accessed at: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/traffic/buford/>

The Buford Smith Award winners for 2007 and 2008 will be announced at the Wednesday night banquet during the Traffic Conference for Mobility and Safety that is scheduled for August 20th – 22nd in Wilmington.

Please email all nominations by Friday, **July 11, 2008** to Amy Moore at amymoore@ncdot.gov. Please note that any nominations submitted for previous year's awards have to be updated and resubmitted for consideration.

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